

Senegal, West Africa, and his delegation as they visit their sister city, Baker, Louisiana.

Sharing similar traits such as their French heritage, seaside ports and a love for life, Louisiana and Senegal have several things in common. So, it is only natural that the town of Joal-Fadiouth and the town of Baker should select each other to be sister cities. As a result of a visit from Baker Mayor Bobby Simpson to Senegal last year, the mayor of Joal-Fadiouth, Mayor Paul Ndong, will visit Baker, Louisiana, this week and complete the ceremonial bridge that will formally unite these two cities. I am excited about this newly forged friendship and look forward to the promising partnership which stands to grow.

As these two cities continue to cultivate their friendships, I am confident that residents of both Baker and Joal-Fadiouth will gain a deeper appreciation and understanding of each other's culture and identities. Through education, scientific, economic development and cultural exchanges, the citizens of both of these cities have the tremendous opportunity to learn more about another country through exciting and interactive means. These real, hands-on experiences will bridge the geographical gap between Baker and Joal-Fadiouth and bring a land which was at once both foreign and distant, closer to home.

So, as Mayor Paul Ndong travels through Baker, I wish him the warmest welcome and hope that he enjoys and learns much from his stay. And in the tradition of our shared French heritage, I would like to say *soyez les bienvenus à la Louisiana—faites comme chez vous*.

TRIBUTE TO CHARLES WOODSON ON WINNING THE 1997 HEISMAN TROPHY AWARD

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding gentleman from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District, Mr. Charles Woodson. Charles is the recipient of the 1997 Heisman Trophy, given each year by the Downtown Athletic Club to college football's most outstanding player.

Charles Woodson, who led the University of Michigan Wolverine Football Team to a perfect 12-0 record this past year, and the school's first National Football Championship in almost 50 years, is the first and only defensive football player ever to win the Heisman Trophy.

Charles Woodson, whose hometown is Fremont, Ohio in Sandusky County, broke quite a few Buckeye hearts when he chose to play football at Michigan instead of The Ohio State University. In fact, in arguably one of his finest performances of the year, Charles nearly single-handedly defeated the Buckeyes in Michigan's 20-14 victory.

Charles Woodson's success, both on and off the field, is a demonstration to all of us that hard work, determination, and commitment to excellence can truly have an impact on our lives. He is a prime example that good deeds are rewarded.

Not only by becoming the first and only defensive football player to win the Heisman tro-

phy, but with his positive attitude and strong work ethic, Charles Woodson is helping to redefine how college football players are judged.

Mr. Speaker, Charles Woodson is a truly gifted athlete, a team player, and a good person. I would urge my colleagues to join me today in recognizing the 1997 Heisman Trophy winner, from Fremont, Ohio, Mr. Charles Woodson.

IN HONOR OF THE DEDICATION CEREMONY OF "THE MONTEBELLO SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER ALEX ESQUIVEL COM- PLEX"

HON. ESTEBAN EDWARD TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

Mr. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize the dedication of the City of Montebello's Senior Citizen Center Alex Esquivel Complex. The Complex has been named after Mr. Alex Esquivel in recognition of his tireless and heartfelt dedication to the City of Montebello and its residents.

Today, the City of Montebello will host a special dedication ceremony in tribute to Alex for his over 30 years of caring service to the residents of Montebello, as an employee and resident of Montebello. To many in Montebello, Alex is known for doing the impossible in his relentless effort to assist those in need of shelter, food, counsel, or simply friendship.

Throughout his years with the City of Montebello, Alex has founded and sponsored countless programs for youth and seniors. Among the programs he has sponsored or founded in Montebello include: the Summer Youth Employment Program; Montebello Ponytail Softball Association; Azteca Head Start Preschool Program; Montebello Co-Ed Softball League; Association of Foster Parents; Girls Basketball League; Montebello Baseball Association; Boy Scouts of America; Girl Scouts of America; Careers for Older Americans; American Red Cross; American Legion Post #272; Lions Club; Rotary Club; Optimist Club; Soroptimist Club; Kiwanis Club; Ensenada Sister City Association; Senior Citizens Affairs Committee; juvenile diversion programs; family counseling; individual and group counseling; nutrition programs; and domestic violence programs.

For his years of exemplary service in the community he has received the City of Montebello's Career Contribution Award, he has served as the Grand Marshall of the Montebello Royale Parade, named the American Legion Man of the Year and the Montebello Boy Scouts of America Good Scout of the Year, and he has received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Alumni Association of the University of Mexico City.

On Friday, January 30, 1998, Alex Esquivel celebrated his 71st birthday. He resides in Montebello with his wife Rachel. They have four sons, Alex Jr., Ted, Robert, David and 10 grandchildren. He is a veteran of the Korean Conflict, former middle weight boxing champion, and the first American of Mexican descent drafted by the National Football League, having played for the Baltimore Colts.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in saluting Mr. Alex Esquivel, one of our na-

tion's true heroes, for his lifetime of service to our country, his community and his neighbors as the City of Montebello dedicates the Montebello Senior Citizen Center Alex Esquivel Complex.

TRIBUTE TO THE SENECA COUN- TRY PORT PRODUCERS ASSOCIA- TION ON THE OCCASION OF ITS 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. PAUL E. GILLMOR

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

Mr. GILLMOR. Mr. Speaker, it is with a great deal of pleasure that I rise today to pay special tribute to an outstanding community organization from Ohio's Fifth Congressional District. On Sunday, February 1, 1998, the Seneca County Pork Producers Association will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary.

During all of its 50 year history, the Seneca County Pork Producers has demonstrated the highest commitment to the profession of farming, the agriculture industry, and to the community and residents of the Seneca County area.

As a resident of Old Fort, Ohio, in Seneca County, I have come to know the various members and leaders of the Seneca County Pork Producers. Those individuals are my friends, neighbors, and colleagues. They are always willing to lend a hand to folks who are in need, and give selflessly to the entire community.

It is an outstanding achievement that, after 50 years of dedication, the Seneca County Pork Producers continue to look into the future with a tremendous amount of enthusiasm to what is sure to be another half century of success. By keeping pace with the improvements and overall changes in their profession, the Pork Producers have maintained the highest sense of responsibility to its members, and to the surrounding area.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in paying tribute to 50 years of achievement of the Seneca County Pork Producers, and in wishing them much success in the coming years.

TRIBUTE TO BRIGGS V. ELLIOTT PLAINTIFFS, CLARENDON COUN- TY, SOUTH CAROLINA

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 3, 1998

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me during Black History month to honor a group of genuine American heroes. I rise to pay tribute to the original plaintiffs of *Briggs v. Elliott*. The heroism of these 20 individuals has changed both our country's past and future in a positive way.

While many have studied the landmark case of *Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka*, few have heard the story of the individuals who questioned the status quo in a small South Carolina county. Beginning in 1947 with a community's desire to provide bus transportation for African American children who were